

In The Specification

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following:

This application is a continuation of U.S. patent application Serial No. 10/191,751 filed July 8, 2002. This application is also continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/976,396 filed October 11, 2001. This application is also continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/941,185 filed August 28, 2001. This application is also a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/566,070. This application is also a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/737,380 filed December 15, 2000. This application is also a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/569,020 filed May 11, 2000. This application is also a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/483,676 filed January 14, 2000. This application is also a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/798,870 filed March 1, ~~2000~~ 2001. This application is also a continuation in part of U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/526,949 filed on March 16, 2000. This application is also a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/789,621 filed February 21, 2001.

Please replace the heading corresponding to the Background of the Invention, as follows:

Background of the Invention

Please replace paragraph [0291], which begins “In accordance with...” and ends with “...assembly 334.” as follows:

In accordance with one of the features of the invention, a support assembly 330 (FIG. 30) is provided for the lower portion 68 of the leg 70 of the patient. Rather than support the foot 74 of the patient on the knee 252 of the surgeon (FIG. 24), as previously described herein, the support assembly 330 may be utilized. The support assembly 330 includes a flat surface 332 which engages the foot of the patient. A pneumatically actuated piston and cylinder assembly 334 is operable to raise and lower the foot 74 of the patient in the manner indicated schematically by an arrow 336 in FIG. [[31]] 30. Mechanisms other than pneumatics, such as a motor, could be used to control piston and cylinder assembly 334.